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THE DAWN OF PEACE

All the World is Aflame Today with the Prospect of Peace. Germany has Taken the First Step which makes World-wide Peace Possible--She has Designated The Neutral Nations, She is Willing to Entrust With the Great Task--The United States is First

COTTON SKYROCKETS ON PEACE PROPOSALS

Cotton Advanced Three Dollars and a Half Per Bale Today on the Receipt of the Peace Proposals—Stock Market Is Wildly Excited—War Stock Took a Very Sudden Drop.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton advanced \$3.50 per bale here this morning upon receipt of the news of peace proposals by Germany. The stock market became very wild and excited. All war stocks dropped precipitately when the news was flashed. Bethlehem Steel dropped 26 points in the twinkling of an eye and was still going down when the market closed.

J. C. SMITH HURT.

John C. Smith of this city was badly injured last Saturday afternoon about six miles from town when he undertook to stop a runaway team hitched to one of his wagons. In some manner Mr. Smith was thrown on the tongue, carried some distance in this manner until his team crashed into a tree in the road. He suffered a broken shoulder and internal injuries. He was attended by a physician as soon as possible and is resting nicely today.

EXTRA PRIZES ARE TO BE GIVEN IN DECEMBER

Did you notice that there was to be two special prizes on the 20th of December? Well, there is. Two beautiful manicuring sets and they will be on exhibition tomorrow. The other grand prizes will be on exhibition at the same time. The 20th is not far off and the two people that make the largest reports on subscriptions up to and inclusive of that date will each be a manicuring set better off. A few subscriptions may win one for you, so get busy and get one for yourself. You can tell by that time whether you want to go farther in the race or not. You will though, for by that time you will find that the race is easy. It is not hard by any means. All you need to do is get started among your friends and you will find that it is easy sailing after that.

Send in the coupon below today. Go take a look at the prizes in the various stores. Ask all the questions you care to of the contest manager. That

is what he is here for, so make use of him. You cannot lose, for there is the commission that protects you. See the car and you will want it, but first send in your nomination, that you may get started with the rest in the race. Today is the day to act and right now is the time for you to send in the nomination coupon that you find below.

Ambition and use of spare time are the very things that made this part of Texas as beautiful as it is to live in. In the same way the Eagle is opening a door for you to grab luxury by the use of spare time merely in gaining new friends and readers. Remember, subscriptions get votes and votes win the prizes. This is your inning to win and to fail to make use of the opportunity you are the loser. In other words, nothing to lose and all to gain, so get your receipt book today and make use of the opportunity. Send in the coupon below.

SEND IN THIS COUPON TODAY:

I am interested in the campaign you are going to put on. Without obligating myself in the least I should like to know more about the proposition and what I might expect to accomplish in my field.

Signed _____

Address _____

This coupon will count 5,000 votes the same as the nomination blank. Only one nomination vote of 5,000 will be credited to the same person.

—Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German government today announced that Germany and her allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, have decided to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg received representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, which countries have been protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries, and gave them a note and asked them to give it to the entente governments. The note, which was read later in the Reichstag by the chancellor, stated that it was the purpose of the central powers to enter forthwith into negotiations which they believe will be appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace. The governments of Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes to the Vatican and all other neutral powers.

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg's speech, as reported by the Overseas News Agency, was in part:

"Conscious of our responsibility before God, before our own nations and before humanity, we have proposed to the hostile powers to enter on peace negotiations. Rumania entered the war in order to roll up the German positions in the east and those of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce Germany's front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"The situation was serious, but with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security more complete than ever. We are stronger than ever and our safety is beyond question."

Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg, in addressing the Reichstag, said the peace proposals had for their object the guarantee of the existence, or the honor and of the liberty and of the evolution of the four allied central powers.

London Gets the News.

London, Dec. 12.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says that Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg announced in the Reichstag today that Germany, together with her allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation and before humanity," has proposed peace negotiations.

Germany Would Restore.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Advises from Berlin to the Germany embassy today indicate Germany will propose the complete restoration of the captured portions of France and Belgium in return for Germany's colonies, the maintenance of newly established kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania, and the disposal of the Balkan situation in a peace conference.

In transmitting the proposals of the central powers the United States probably would follow the practice which has been invariable so far in acting as the medium of communication between the hostile governments and would not make them public. The terms would, of course, be known to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, who would examine them to determine whether they should be accompanied by any word from the United States. News of the proposals was practically the only topic discussed among members of Congress as they assembled today. There was no doubt that the matter would be discussed at the regular cabinet meeting scheduled for this afternoon. The foreign embassies and legations received their first information of the event through the Associated Press. On every hand the conversation turned

to a discussion of it. The United States represents Austria and Germany in Belgium, France, Great Britain, Japan, Russia, Serbia and Rumania in Berlin, and represents Turkey in France, Great Britain and Japan.

President Wilson made no comment on receipt of the news of peace proposals. It is believed here that the peace offer at this time was made with the expectation of making terms acceptable to England's allies, who might bring pressure that would cause her to stop fighting. The recent death of Emperor Francis Joseph and the succession of Emperor Charles also was thought to be a possible factor.

Germany Replies to U. S. Note.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany's reply to the American note protesting against the deportation of Belgians declares there was urgent need of work for the Belgians, whose idleness was causing demoralization, and contends they are assured of faring well in Germany, saying the German government believes the United States had been misinformed.

The reply volunteers to let American diplomatic representatives visit the workmen's camps and assure themselves that the Belgians are well off. It concludes with an expression of regret that the United States has never seen fit to protest against what it describes as the dragging off of Germans from East Prussia, Olsace and other places to Siberia and elsewhere, and other such actions by the allies which it says are severe violations of the laws of humanity.

Greece to Mobilize.

London, Dec. 12.—A Copenhagen dispatch says advices from Switzerland say that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

New French Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Premier Briand, head of the new government, probably will appear in the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday. Briand said the list of the reconstructed cabinet would be printed tomorrow.

London Will Not Comment.

London, Dec. 12.—The British foreign office said today it was unable to discuss the peace proposals until they were received, and in the meantime the attitude was unchanged.

Little Interest in Parliament.

London, Dec. 12.—The absence, through illness, of Premier Lloyd-George and former Premier Asquith, and the postponement until Thursday of the new cabinet's statement of policy, today robbed the meeting of the House of Commons of the interest which usually attaches to the first session of a new government with Parliament.

Germans Retiring.

London, Dec. 12.—Petrograd reports that the Germans are retiring some of their divisions from Rumania and transferring them to other fronts, with the Rumanian situation more favorable to the ententes. Berlin reports fighting in the Carpathians along the western front and in Moldavia, and the capture of Mizil near Ploesti.

W. U. OFFICIALS HERE.

S. M. English, general manager, and F. H. Austin, assistant general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, visited Bryan today. These gentlemen are here to inspect the Bryan office.



WOODROW WILSON.
CHIEF FIGURE IN WORLD'S PEACE

THE POOR MAN WILL AGAIN EAT BISCUITS

Wheat Takes a Drop of Eleven Cents Immediately on Receipt of Peace Proposals—Time Is Near at Hand When Poor Man Can Again Buy Flour.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—The wheat market suffered a drop of 11 cents this morning following receipt of Berlin dispatches.

REOPENED HEARING ON PAPER PRICES

Facts Showed No Increase in Manufacture of Paper and Selling Expense Is Lower.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—The Federal Trade Commission today reopened the hearing on the rise of news print paper prices. Figures presented showed there has been no increase in the cost of paper manufacture in the last year and that selling expenses were lower and profits higher.

PACKERS APPEAL IS DISMISSED

Supreme Court of U. S. Dismisses Case Where Missouri Beef Trust Was Fined \$25,000.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The United States Supreme Court today dismissed the appeal of the packers from the \$25,000 fine which was assessed against them in the Missouri Beef Trust case.

OPERATOR TRANSFERRED.

H. F. James, the popular Western Union operator, has been notified that he has been transferred to Cushing, Okla. He will leave in a few days for his new location. His successor has not been named.